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SUBJECT: IJC CONSIDERATION OF POINT ROBERTS
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1. DEPT. INFORMED THAT IJC POINT ROBERTS BOARD HAS CIRCU-
LATED WITH THE COMMISSION A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF ITS REPORT
BUT TEXT OF FINAL REPORT NOT YET SETTLED. IJC STAFF
ANTICIPATES RECEIPT OF FINAL REPORT AT OTTAWA MEETING ON
OCTOBER 2.

2. REPORT WILL PROBABLY PROPOSE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
PARK INCORPORATING POINT ROBERTS. BOARD'S PROPOSAL WILL
CALL FOR ACQUISITION OF MOST REAL ESTATE IN POINT ROBERTS
AND AN EQUIVALENT ADJOINING AREA IN CANADA ALONG BOUNDARY
BAY BY AN INTERNATIONAL PARK COMMISSION. THIS COMMISSION
WOULD OPERATE THE LANDS ACQUIRED AS AN INTERNATIONAL PARK.
THE PROPOSED PARK COMMISSION WOULD ALSO MAKE
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION OF
OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND PROVINCIAL PARK LANDS IN HE GULF
AND SAN JUAN ISLANDS.

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3. FULL DETAILS OF THE BOARD'S INTERNATIONAL PARK PROPOSAL

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NOT YET CLEAR, BUT BOARD APPARENTLY DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ACQUISITION OF LANDS OUTSIDE OF THE POINT ROBERTS-BOUNDARY BAY AREA BY THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PARK COMMISSION.

4. IJC VIEWS ON BOARD'S PROPOSAL NOT YET KNOWN. IJC MAY ACCEPT BOARD REPORT OR RETURN IT FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONERS DO NOT VIEW BOARD'S PROPOSAL AS RESPONSIVE TO THE QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE IJC BY THE GOVERNMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, IJC WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BOARD REPORT IN POINT ROBERTS AREA BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS.

5. IJC IS NOT RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES ON BOARD PROPOSALS PENDING RECEIPT OF FINAL REPORT, AND ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL FINAL REPORT RELEASED BY COMMISSION.

6. WILL PROVIDE BOARD'S FINAL REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE. RUSH

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